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MRS. WILMA LANG

Mr. Floyd Bishop
State Engineer
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cc - Mr. Wayne Griddle
State Engineer
State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Bishop;

This is with regards to the water meeting held at Manila, Utah on March 16th and the selection of a water Commissioner for the Henry's Fork and Burnt Fork Drainages.

Lewis Stall was recommended for commissioner by some of the Henry's Fork users, but it was by individuals that he had apparently shown favors to in the past. It was reported, and the various reports were verified by Dave Miller that Mr. Stall drinks very heavy and is often under the affects for a week or two when he is needed the most. I never had a chance to find out if Mr. Tripplet would be interested in the position, but Dave reported that he would be a good man.

In the meeting held in Manila various individuals reported how other users tore up the tags placed on the headgates by Lyle Anderson and then took the water not paying any attention to his regulation, but yet when it was suggested that he be replaced the few that were there were all for keeping him on. With this I can not comply, if we are going to have interstate regulation by one man we can't have any partiality, there has to be some teeth in the position. The Commissioner should not hesitate to regulate and has to have the right to lock headgates. He has to be one whose regulation won't be tampered with. For the above reasons I recommended Willard Stringer for the job and still feel his assistance is needed by who ever handles it. There were objections that Willard couldn't come every day, and that Lyle is called often every day, but with a few padlocks alot of this nonsense could be eliminated.

My recommendation is that Willard Stringer be named the water commissioner with Lyle Anderson or someone else in the area as an assistant. Mr. Stringer could make one trip a week to the area and check and record the flows at the various headgates and regulate if necessary. I believe some record of the stream flow and diversions would be of value for future reference. With periodic checks and some assistance an assistant could handle other calls that might occur. This should eliminate much of the regulation and if expense vouchers and mileage are submitted the matting funds of the two states should take care of it. Only under such a system could I endorse Lyle Anderson as a commissioner in this area.

Sincerely

John A. Teichert

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